



# The LS Horizon

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Learning Services: "Key to knowledge creation, acquisition and dissemination"

## LEARNING SERVICES & OFFICE OF THE VICE-PROVOST

### Conferences

LS recently won the bid to host the Academic Library Advancement and Development Network (ALADN) Conference which will be held in Banff, Alberta in spring 2007. ALADN is designed to offer networking and mutual problem-solving for professionals involved in advancement and development for academic and research libraries through annual conference, electronic listserv participation (LIBDEV sponsored by ALADN), and personal contacts. This is a first for Canada as membership and attendees comprise of mostly Americans and the conference is usually held in the US. For more info, visit [www.library.arizona.edu/aladn/](http://www.library.arizona.edu/aladn/).

The Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) Social Studies Conference 2005 was held in Jasper, Alberta, October 14–16. LS was pleased to introduce *Peel's Prairie Provinces* to over 500 delegates (social studies teachers from across the province). Peel was on display in the Mary Schaffer exhibit room and Vice-Provost Ernie Ingles, with the assistance of U of A librarian, Grant Kayler, presented a demonstration session on the features available on Peel including a sample lesson plan to a room full of very interested social studies teachers. Thanks to all staff who helped prepare presentation material for this important event. It was a great success!

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Grant Kayler poses at the Peel display booth in the Mary Schaffer exhibit room at the ATA Social Studies Conference in Jasper.

*Peel's Prairie Provinces* will also be showcased at the upcoming Association of Canadian Studies (ACS) conference held at Edmonton's Westin Hotel October 28–30 along with a new online publication produced by the U of A Press entitled, *Atlas of Alberta Railways*.

### **The LS Great Pancake Escape!**

The LS Fall Recognition Event will be held November 23rd, 8:30–11 am at the Banquet Room in Lister Hall's older section. All LS staff are encouraged and welcome to attend. The morning will feature a pancake breakfast, a brief report highlighting all the achievements of each LS unit by Vice-Provost Ernie Ingles and special guest speaker, award-winning author, Linda Goyette. An email invite will be sent out to all staff. Register online for your ticket.

## LEARNING SYSTEMS ENTERPRISES

### Museums & Collections Services (MACS)

*The Muse Project*, MACS' award-winning, curriculum-based program for children in grades 5 through 9, is up and running for another school year. For this year's program, MACS received a \$45,000 grant from the Community Initiatives Program, administered by Alberta Gaming and funded through the Alberta Lottery Fund. *The Muse Project* also received \$5,000 from the Emil Skarin Fund to develop and test new modules and accompanying education kits. Last year's program, which ran from October 2004 to May 2005, attracted 1,443 students from 62 classes from Edmonton and area schools.

MACS and the Friends of the U of A Museums launch the U of A Museums' 2005-2006 Community Outreach Program with *Secrets of Our Solar System*, an outreach lecture by Dr. Christopher Herd, Curator of the U of A Meteorite Collection. Join Dr. Herd as he retraces the fantastic journey of meteorites thousands of kilometres and billions of years in the making! This out-of-this-world and not-to-be-missed event takes place 7-8:30 p.m., **Thursday, November 17** in Room 3-27, Earth Sciences Building. Call 492-5834 or visit [www.museums.ualberta.ca](http://www.museums.ualberta.ca).

The Friends of the U of A Museums (FUAM) begins its third decade of fundraising and volunteer support activities with its 2005 Annual General Meeting and special behind-the-scenes guided tour of the new folkwaysAlive! and the Canadian Centre for Ethnomusicology. The new folkwaysAlive! facility, which is now the permanent home of the Asch Collection of Folkways Recordings, was made possible in part by an FUAM donation. To become a member of the Friends and help support the U of A Museums, contact MACS at 492-5834 for information.

*Embark-Explore-Eureka! Dare to Discover with the University of Alberta Museums*, an exhibit produced by MACS, piqued the curiosity of thousands of people at the installation of President Indira Samarasekera on September 25th. The exhibit led viewers to chart paths of discovery at the U of A and featured historical and present-day objects that are the tools or end results of the

University's near century-long pursuit of knowledge. Satisfy your curiosity and embark on your own exploration of the objects and images featured in the exhibit at [www.museums.ualberta.ca/justin/daretodiscover.html](http://www.museums.ualberta.ca/justin/daretodiscover.html). Perhaps you will discover your own "eureka!" moment.

### Information and Privacy Office

The Information and Privacy Office announces this year's IP Dialogue, a fall series of education sessions that address your questions about access and privacy on campus. These free sessions are open to all members of the University community:

**\*An Introduction to The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Thursday, October 20,  
10:30-12 noon, TBW2 (Tory Breezeway)

**\*Responding to Requests for Access: the Role of the Department**

Thursday, October 27, 10:30-12 noon, TBW2

**\*Privacy Legislation and Records Management**

Tuesday, November 1, 10:30-12 noon, TBW2

**\*IPO Website and Personal Information Banks**

Tuesday, November 8, 10:30-12 noon, TBW2

To register, contact Dawn Fargey at 492-5834 or at [lsetemp@lsemail2.lse.ualberta.ca](mailto:lsetemp@lsemail2.lse.ualberta.ca) at least one week before the session you wish to attend.



## U OF A BOOKSTORE

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What does it mean to be a westerner? As Alberta and Saskatchewan celebrate their centennials, how do we define ourselves and our place in the world? The U of A Bookstore was pleased to bring together a select group of westerners, people whose voices have been expressed through written and spoken word, art, food and music in a culturally-rich event full of dialogue and entertainment. This one-day symposium held on October 18th at the U of A Timms Centre for the Arts was a unique opportunity to explore who and where we are now and to celebrate what makes us distinctly western. Featured presenters were Sharon Butala, Loran Corzier, Judy Schultz, Sydney Sharpe and Ian Tyson. Bob Chelmick kindly played Master of Ceremonies with Vice-Provost Ernie Ingles attending as well. Ernie had the honour of opening the symposium and welcomed delegates with a lively introductory speech. This highly successful celebration was catered by The Upper Crust and included a traditional prairie lunch, planned and organized by Judy Schultz. For more info visit [www.theideaofwest.ca](http://www.theideaofwest.ca).



## U OF A LIBRARIES

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As part of the Faculty of Science preparations for the Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS) ([www.science.ualberta.ca/CCIS.cfm](http://www.science.ualberta.ca/CCIS.cfm)) Phase II construction, the Physical Science Library collection was relocated from its location in the Physics building to the Science and Technology Library ([www.library.ualberta.ca/scitech/index.cfm](http://www.library.ualberta.ca/scitech/index.cfm)) in Cameron Library. After more that 40 years of service, the Physical Science Library closed it's doors on September 9th and the collection, consisting of research material related to chemistry, astronomy and physics was moved to Cameron Library and integrated with undergraduate and popular material in these subject areas.

The Physical Science Library was created in 1961 and at that time housed the bulk of the journal collections in mathematics, chemistry, physics and computing science. The mathematics collection was moved to Campus Towers in 1966 and in 1970, was relocated to its current location in the Central Academic Building. In 1968-69, the Physical Science Library joined the Library System as a branch of the Science and Technology Library. The computing science collection was moved to the General Service Building in 1978 and was later relocated to Cameron Library in 1998.

Over the past few years, Bibliothèque Saint-Jean experienced an increase in the number of instruction session requests. During the 2003-04 academic year, there were about fifty such requests, whereas in 2004-05 we have received upwards of one hundred. Students remarked on several occasions that instruction sessions seemed to cover the same ground. There was a definite element of truth to this, since the information professors were asking us to cover often presented similarities. Basic skills such as searching the catalogue, physically locating resources in the library, navigating the library website and searching for course reserve materials were among the subjects most frequently covered. The solution: create an online course that covers basic library search skills. The course (Biblio 100) includes three modules that students can access through WebCT and complete at their own pace.

### Did You Know...?

**The U of A Press is located in Ring House 2 on the northwest corner of campus opposite the Faculty Club. The U of A Press moved its operations from Athabasca Hall to this old character house in the summer of 1999. The house is rumoured to be haunted. Other campus buildings said to be haunted are Corbett Hall (Emily the ghost lives there), HUB Mall (an old haunted house was demolished, cold drafts of air flow over that spot), and Convocation Hall (the hall's organ played taps every night during WWII, no one was in the room). It is also said that 5th Flr Cameron Library has been the locale for some spooky, ghostly hauntings—BOO!**

## U OF A LIBRARIES CONTINUED...

These three modules are made up of a set of tutorials (created using Viewlet Builder software), as well as three quizzes designed to verify that students are meeting course objectives. A passing grade of 60% was established for all three quizzes. Upon successfully completing all three, students are entitled to receive a certificate of achievement.

### Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award

UofA Librarians Denise Koufogiannakis and Linda Slater are the 2005 recipients of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL) Robert H. Blackburn Distinguished Paper Award for their paper: *Denise Koufogiannakis, Linda Slater and Ellen Crumley. (2004). A Content Analysis of Librarianship Research. Journal of Information Science, 30(3) 227-239.* Through their content analysis of library and information studies literature published in 2001, the authors offer insight into the most common topics and issues selected by librarians as foci for research as well as identifying growing areas of interest. Top journals for published research in library and information studies are also identified.

Denise Koufogiannakis has accepted the three-year secondment position as Collections and Acquisitions Coordinator in Bibliographic Services beginning September 12, 2005. Denise has just recently returned to us from a year of professional leave in the UK.

## U OF A PRESS

September and October are always busy months for UAP with conferences and book events. Mary Mahoney-Robson (UAP editor) has just returned from the Western History Association conference in Phoenix, Arizona. UAP Director Linda Cameron is in Frankfurt for the world-renowned Frankfurt Book Fair and next month Michael Luski (UAP editor) heads off to St. Louis, Missouri for the Association of Canadian Studies in the US. At the end of October is the Association for Canadian Studies conference, where we have a joint table display with Learning Services (and the U of A Libraries). The U of A Press and its authors recently organized book events in Edmonton (Ted Blodgett reading was part of LitFest at Stanley A. Milner Library), Vancouver (Toni Onley Archives), Victoria (Munro Books), Toronto (Harbourfront/International Festival of Authors), Ottawa (presentation for the Society for the Promotion of Education and Research), Winnipeg (McNally Robinson), Calgary (McNally Robinson), Saskatoon (McNally Robinson), Regina (Book & Brier Patch) as well as Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and Yorkton libraries.

Key books on display included *Elegy*, *Edmonton's Urban Villages*, *The Snowbird Poems*, *Phantom Lake*, *The Power of Greed*, and *Saskatchewan*. The *Atlas of Alberta Railways* was a hit at the ATA Social Studies Conference in Jasper, and a launch is planned for January 11th with the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Event season is not yet over. We will be launching *Forging Alberta's Constitutional Framework* at the end of the month with the U of A Centre for Constitutional Studies. The provincial centennial project, *Alberta Formed—Alberta Transformed* is slated to be published in December with several events planned to celebrate that achievement.



Ted Blodgett searches for a suitable poem to read from his latest poetic collection, *Elegy*. Yukiko Onley (r) talks about the breathtaking black & white photographs she took for *Elegy*. They were part of the local LitFest.

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## **TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTRE**

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Tired of cutting, gluing, searching and buying all those items used in scrapbooking? Why not try Digital Scrapbooking? It's fun, easy, and less time consuming than conventional scrapping. In the TTC's new Digital Scrapbooking course, you will use Adobe Photoshop Elements 3.0 to discuss various backgrounds and effects, how to use and make brushes, cropping, bringing in and correcting photographs, adding and hiding layers, how to accentuate the page using the written word, journaling tips and tricks, using opacity as a design tool and how to make that perfect embellishment without searching in stores for it. You'll be so proud of your work that you'll display it on your wall and give it away to your loved ones since you can always print off another copy from your original. But beware, Digital Scrapbooking is highly addictive! Once you start, you'll never go back! The course runs two Saturdays and costs only \$150 plus GST. To register call TTC at 492-1397, email [training@ualberta.ca](mailto:training@ualberta.ca) or visit [www.ualberta.ca/training](http://www.ualberta.ca/training).

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## **ON THE HORIZON**

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**Feedback & submissions: send to Chau Lam, [learnsrv@ualberta.ca](mailto:learnsrv@ualberta.ca)**

**Next Submission Deadline: November 3, 2005**

The LS Horizon is a newsletter to inform LS staff of events and activities happening in LS units and to recognize individuals, teams and groups who have received honours and awards. Stay tuned for the next issue in November.